

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 5-8, and 10 were allowed, and claims 3 and 4 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten or amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Claims 1, 2, 9, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Endo (US 2007/0115379). This rejection is inapplicable to claims 1, 2, 9, and 11 as amended for the following reasons.

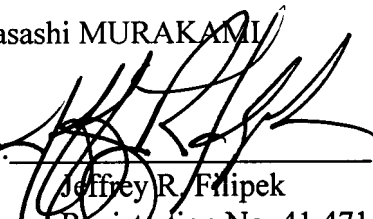
By this amendment, the allowable subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into independent claims 1, 9, and 11. Claim 3 has been canceled. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 1, 2, 9, and 11 are allowable for the same reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 3. Thus, all of the pending claims, i.e., claims 1, 2, and 4-11, are allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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